

SECTION: CERTIFICATION

SUBJECT: Certification Requirements: Services/Information
Provided by the Local Agency at Time of Certification

ITEM: *Coordination with Child Health and Disability Prevention
(CHDP) Program*



Policy Local agencies shall encourage parents/guardians of infants and children to obtain:

- (a) Health examinations for their infants and children in accordance with the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program health assessment schedule.
- b) Hematocrit and/or hemoglobin test results for first year certification and at six month intervals for children determined to be eligible for WIC program benefits. Refer to WPM 210-60.3 for exceptions to this six month interval requirement for children whose blood values were determined to be within the normal range.

CHDP Medical Guidelines Refer to Appendix 950-20 for a copy of the CHDP medical guidelines. The CHDP medical guidelines include the periodicity table ("Health Assessment Procedures Required for Various Age Groups"), revised January 1984.

Information Regarding Child Abuse State law requires that an immediate report be made to the local child protective or law enforcement agency when a medical or nonmedical person has a reasonable suspicion that a child may be neglected or abused. Refer to Appendix 950-20 for additional information regarding child abuse, including definitions and indicators.

**CHDP
Provider
Reimbursements**

The CHDP Program will reimburse CHDP providers for hematocrit/hemoglobin tests necessary for WIC certification purposes, regardless of what the periodicity table indicates, under the following conditions:

1. When the procedures are performed as part of the complete CHDP health assessment, the notation "Required by WIC" must be entered in the "Comments/Problems" section of the CHDP form "Confidential/Screening/Billing Report" (PM 160).
2. When the infant/child has not had a complete health assessment, refer to the participant to the local CHDP program for an appointment. Inform the parent/guardian on the importance of keeping the health check-up appointment. Inform the parent/guardian on the importance of keeping the health check-up appointment. A copy of the PM 160 given to the parent/guardian by the provider at the time of the CHDP assessment documenting the result of the examination can be used as the medical justification instead of a completed health referral form.
3. If WIC needs medical information between CHDP health assessments the health care provider can only be reimbursed if the procedure is billed as a "partial screen". Refer to Appendix 950-50 ("Periodicity Schedule for Hemoglobin and Hematocrit Requirements for CHDP Health Assessments and WIC Certification on Infants and Children") and 950-60 ("Sample: Documentation for Partial Screen performed outside of CHDP periodicity schedule to meet WIC requirements for hemoglobin/hematocrit").

Under this policy, CHDP will only reimburse for procedures which have an established fee (i.e., hemoglobin/hematocrit) and which are given at intervals required by WIC. CHDP will not reimburse a CHDP provider for performing only height and weight measurements because there is no established fee.

**Local
Agency
Contact with
CHDP
Providers**

When CHDP-eligible children participate in the WIC program and require additional health assessment procedures for determination of eligibility, the provider should be informed of this need by local agency staff. If a physician provides a CHDP exam for an infant/child on the WIC program and does not include the required hemoglobin or hematocrit, please contact the provider directly. If there are persistent problems with either a CHDP provider or access to CHDP appointment slots in a community (not missed appointment problems), contact the local CHDP Program Deputy Director to request their assistance. Refer to Appendix 950-10 for a list of local CHDP Programs.

**Inter-
program-
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agreement**

The State Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) and the State WIC Supplemental Food Program have developed an interprogrammatic agreement, a copy of which is located in Appendix 950-30. Local agencies are encouraged to develop interprogrammatic agreements which are specific to the local situation in order to facilitate cooperation and coordination in the provision of services. A sample agreement, prepared by the Nutrition Subcommittee of CHDP and reviewed by the CHDP Executive Committee and the State WIC Nutrition Consultants, is located in Appendix 950-40.
